

Amendment No. 1 to HB2888

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by deleting the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) It is an offense for any person to knowingly prepare, sign, or file any lien or other document with the intent to encumber any real or personal property when such person has no reasonable basis or any legal cause to place such lien or encumbrance on such real or personal property.

(2) As used in this subsection (a), "person" includes any individual or entity.

(b) Upon conviction for an offense pursuant to this section, any court having or exercising circuit court jurisdiction may order the removal from any record the lien or document evidencing a encumbrance, and order that the document be void and of no legal effect, and, if so ordered, the court shall cause the removal of any cloud on a title that may have arisen because of the document.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(i) A licensed attorney who prepares a document in the course of representation of a client;

(ii) A financial institution regulated by the Tennessee department of financial institutions, the federal reserve board, the office of the comptroller of the currency, or the national credit union administration, or

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an employee or agent of any of those entities, who prepares, signs or files
a lien or other document in the ordinary course of business;

(iii) A title insurance company or agent who prepares, signs, or
files a lien or other document in the ordinary course of business; or

(iv) Any person who prepares, signs, or files a lien or other
document which contains a mistake, typographical error, or scrivener's
error.

(d) A violation of subsection (a) shall be punishable as forgery under §
39-14-114.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring
it.